UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice PN-635**

For: Peanut State and County Offices

Peanut Promotion, Research, and Information Assessment Collection

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Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

1 Overview

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Background

A Peanut Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order has been established under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. In a referendum conducted May 24, 1999, through July 2, 1999, peanut producers voted in favor of implementing a program to establish a promotion, research, and information program for peanuts. For the 1999 crop year, peanut producers will be required to pay a 1 percent assessment times the segregation value of the farmers' stock peanuts sold to first handlers.

B Purpose

This notice informs and instructs State and County Offices of procedures for collecting and remitting assessments for the national checkoff program with respect to farm-stored additional loan peanuts.

C Program Administration

AMS will be the administrator of the provisions for collecting assessments as they relate to the peanut promotion, research, and information program. A newly formed National Peanut Board, as appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture from industry nominations, will implement the program by conducting research, promotion, consumer, and industry information to maintain and expand markets for peanuts.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2000	Peanut State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices

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Assessment Collection

For farm-stored peanuts marketed through an immediate buyback, County Offices will be required to collect the 1 percent assessment at the time of loan settlement.

E Form Availability

The National Peanut Board First Handler's Report:

- is available on the FSA Bulletin Board in the Forms Library under file name PNReport
- shall be reproduced locally.

2 Collecting and Remitting Assessments

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Amount of Assessment

For peanuts placed in farm-stored loan and brought back by the producer-handler, the amount of the assessment shall be 1 percent of the buyback rate. The buyback rate entered on FSA-197, item 19, is considered the seg value.

B Formula for Calculation

County Offices shall use FSA-197 to determine the 1 percent assessment. The assessment shall be calculated by multiplying 1 percent times the buyback rate, item 19, times the loan quantity, item 6 B.

C Mailing Address

All reports and remittance shall be mailed to:

National Peanut Board P.O. Box 100444 Atlanta, Georgia 30384-0444.

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3 Completing the First Handler's Report and Remitting Assessments

A County Office Action

County Offices shall take the actions in the following table to complete and submit the First Handler's Report and remit assessments to the National Peanut Board.

Step	Action
1	Prepare a separate National Peanut Board First Handler's Report, Exhibit 1, for each producer. Enter the:
	 producer's name as the handler producer's telephone number producer-handler as the handler number on FSA-197 mailing address of the producer on FSA-197 total value of segment (the buyback rate) on FSA-197, item 19 loan quantity on FSA-197, item 6 B subtotal of assessments as calculated according to subparagraph 2 B.
2	Collect the assessment according to subparagraph 1 D.
3	Maintain a copy of the completed report in the County Office.
4	Mail the report and remittance collected according to subparagraph 2 C of this notice. The remittance shall be completed within the time specified in 3-FI, paragraph 33.
5	For any producers who have redeemed loans before this notice was issued, submit the name and address of each producer, loan quantity, and buyback rate to the address in subparagraph 2 C.

B State Office Action

For questions or concerns about this notice, State Offices shall contact Dan Williams, AMS, 1-888-720-9917, toll free.

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Example of First Handler's Report

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NAME OF HANDLER				(include area code)
Sam Brown			(888) 720-4	
NAME OF BUSINESS/COMPANY	1		HANDLER NO.	<u> </u>
			60123	
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INSTRUCTIONS:

First handlers are required to file this report monthly. Complete Parts A, B, and C. The report and full remittance are due no later than 60 days after the last day of the month in which the peanuts were marketed. A handler operating in different regions must file a separate report and make a separate payment for each region. All reports are held in strict confidence.

LOCKBOX PAYMENTS

Mail report and remittance to:

National Peanut Board P.O. Box 100444

Atlanta, GA 30384-0444

DIRECTPAY PAYMENTS

Mail report to:

Daniel R. Williams II

USDA-Research and Promotion Branch

Room 2535-S, STOP 0244 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.

Washington, DC 20250

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